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1. This communication is responsive to <u>ammendment filed 2/22/2005</u> .		
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>3-7,9-16 and 18-21</u> .		
3. The drawings filed on are accepted by the Examiner.		
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

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## Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 3-7, 9-16, and 18-21 allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The base including an outer cover and filling inside said out cover, said filling comprising a water absorbing material in combination as recited in claims 3, 9, and 21 in combination with other limitations are not known or suggested in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seth Barney whose telephone number is (571)272-4896. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (571)272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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